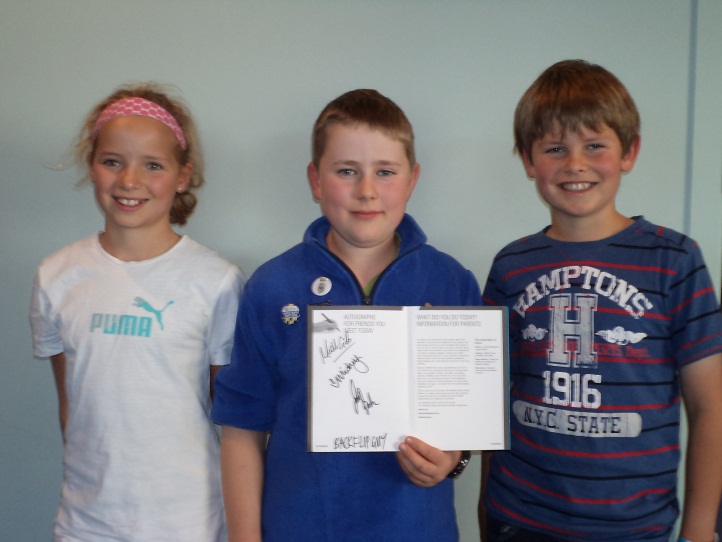
SAM JOHNSTONe

Sam was awarded the 2012 Young New Zealander Award. He proved he could move mountains with the tools in his pockets. He talked about the ‘skill of being unskilled.’ Everyone has a skill because of who we are. Sam is at Canterbury University. When it was the Christchurch quake he wanted to do something so he started a face book page. He created something positive while the city was being fixed up. He developed the Student Army. He saw the situation and started the volunteer army. The volunteer army had 9,000 people and worked 120,000 hours. It was like organising a big working bee. They had lots ofenergy with young people helping. They have had 5 operations helping others in the last 18 months. They worked as a strong team and had fun. Sam went to Japan after the Tsunami. More than 14,000 people died. He spent 2 weeks in Japan helping with the cleaning up. He said take leadership. The main thing in life is to create to give the alternative and be positive. A piece of #8 wire has the ability to be innovative and make do. Stand up for what you believe in. Use your voice and listen to others also. We give each other hope. Keep learning, Be excited, Be crazy, Have fun. Opportunities drive the world and we live in a world of opportunity. Use your initiative. Leadership is believing in yourself and others.

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